

REMARKS

Introductory Remarks

Claims 17 has been amended and is the only claim currently pending in the application. Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments correct a typographical error and do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification.

In view of the above amendments and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Office Action indicates that it is not clear how the reactive blend is soaking at the first temperature. Applicant respectfully disagrees and requests reconsideration.

The use of the language “soaking” at a given temperature is common usage to indicate that the materials being heated are being held or maintained at the cited temperature for a prescribed period of time. Throughout Applicant’s specification, the use of the language “soaking” at a given temperature is consistent with holding or maintaining at the desired temperature.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 17 fully complies with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

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Extension of Time

A Petition for a three (3)-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is filed herewith extending the period for response through July 17, 2007. It is not believed that any further extensions of time are required other than those in the accompanying Petition. If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any fees required for extensions of time and any fees for the net addition of claims are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 503310.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submits that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this Reply, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution. Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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